

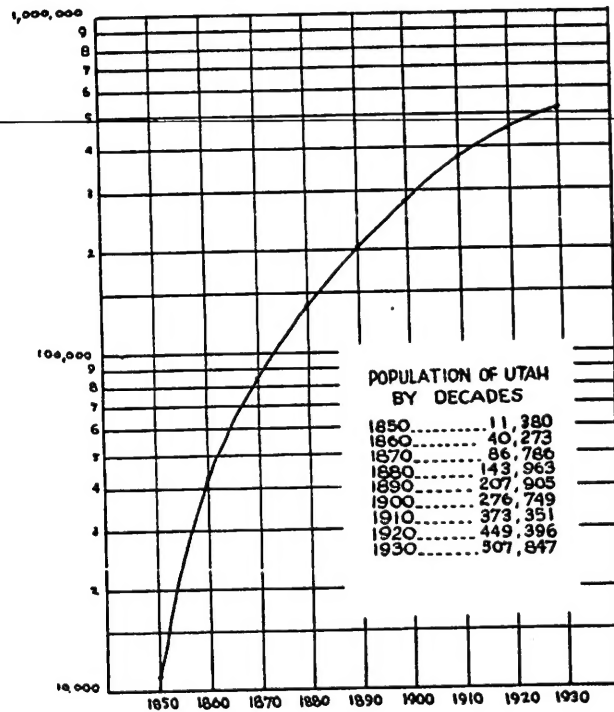
CHAPTER XIII POPULATION

More important than any physical or material resource are the people of a state. This truth applies with full force to Utah. Drawn from the hardest states of America and Europe, the population of Utah possesses unusual physical, intellectual, and moral vigor. In 1847, when the pioneers reached Salt Lake Valley, this whole western region was unpeopled save by Indians and a few trappers. Today

the state has over a half million population with virtually all the arable land under cultivation. This remarkable transformation in the short space of eighty-five years is the result of the application of the brain, the brawn, and the spirit of a dauntless people.

The United States census reports since 1850, which are available for ten-year periods for Utah, give some interesting and significant population facts. While these facts do not explain everything about Utah's people, an understanding of the state as a whole is impossible without them.

FIGURE 68—Graph showing the numerical trend of Utah's population since 1850. Note that the rate of increase is getting less as indicated by the flattening of the line at the top.



Numerical trend. One of the most important factors in the life of a commonwealth is that of change in the size of the population. Usually an increasing population is characterized by a hopeful, optimistic outlook, while a decreasing population is likely to be considered fatalistic. Utah's population has shown a healthy and encouraging increase from the beginning. The census of 1850, three years after the arrival of the pioneers, showed 11,380 people, most of the increase being the result of immigration.

During the decade 1850 to 1860 the population increased nearly four times or to a total of 40,273. It more than doubled again by 1870, aggregating in that year 86,786.

From 1847 until 1870 the yearly increase was nearly 4,000—mostly the result of immigration. For the ten-year period after 1870, the increase per year was 6,000, making a total of 143,963, a gain of 60,000 in the decade. From 1880 to 1890, the yearly increase was 6,500, and from 1890 to 1900

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		1930		1920	1910	1900	1890	Per cent of increase	
		Total	Per square mile					1920 to 1930	1910 to 1920
State.....	82,184	507,847	6.2	449,396	373,351	276,749	210,779	13.0	26.4
Beaver.....	2,660	5,136	1.9	5,139	4,717	3,613	3,340	-0.1	8.9
Box Elder.....	5,444	17,810	3.3	18,788	13,894	10,009	7,642	-5.2	35.2
Cache.....	1,164	27,424	23.6	26,992	23,062	18,189	15,509	1.6	17.0
Carbon 2.....	1,487	17,798	12.0	15,489	8,624	5,004	.....	14.9	79.6
Daggett 8.....	850	411	0.5	400	.....	.....	.....	2.8	.....
Davis.....	275	14,021	51.0	11,450	10,191	7,996	6,751	22.5	12.4
Duchesne 4.....	3,266	8,263	2.5	9,093	.....	.....	.....	-9.1	.....
Emery 2.....	4,453	7,042	1.6	7,411	6,750	4,657	5,076	-6.0	9.8
Garfield 5.....	5,234	4,642	0.9	4,768	3,660	3,400	2,457	-2.6	30.3
Grand 2.....	3,692	1,813	0.5	1,808	1,595	1,149	541	0.3	13.4
Iron.....	3,256	7,227	2.2	5,787	3,933	3,546	2,683	24.9	47.1
Juab.....	3,401	8,605	2.5	9,871	10,702	10,082	5,682	-12.8	-7.8
Kane 5.....	4,215	2,235	0.5	2,054	1,652	1,811	1,685	8.8	24.3
Millard.....	6,661	9,945	1.5	9,659	6,118	5,678	4,033	3.0	57.9
Morgan.....	626	2,536	4.1	2,542	2,467	2,045	1,780	-0.2	3.0
Plute 6.....	763	1,956	2.6	2,770	1,734	1,954	2,842	-29.4	59.7
Rich 7.....	1,031	1,873	1.8	1,890	1,888	1,946	1,627	-0.9	0.4
Salt Lake.....	766	194,102	256.7	159,282	131,426	77,725	58,457	21.9	21.2
San Juan.....	7,761	3,496	0.5	3,379	2,977	1,023	865	3.5	42.2
Sanpete 8.....	1,616	16,022	9.9	17,606	16,704	16,318	13,146	-8.5	4.8
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Summit 9.....	1,870	9,527	5.1	7,862	8,200	9,439	7,733	21.2	-4.1
Tooele.....	6,849	9,413	1.4	7,965	7,924	7,361	8,700	18.2	0.5
Uintah 10.....	4,294	9,036	2.1	8,470	7,050	6,458	2,762	6.7	20.1
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Washington.....	2,465	7,420	3.0	6,764	5,123	4,612	4,009	9.7	32.0
Wayne 6.....	2,475	2,067	0.8	2,097	1,749	1,907	-1.4	19.9
Weber.....	641	62,172	96.4	43,463	35,179	25,239	22,723	20.0	23.6

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